

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, AUGUST 2015

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Framed printed "John Ritter & Co." (Reading) English language birth/baptismal certificate for Grabill Withers, a son of Curtis and Hannah (Senseman) Withers, born in East Cocalico Twp. November 27, 1839. No baptismal information is entered. No coloring has been added to the certificate; the fraktur-style entries are delicately elaborate and fine. Grabill/Graybill Withers died February 20, 1847; a younger brother, born in 1853, was given the name Graybill (Curtis Withers' mother's maiden name) as well. (Donation—David Sloat)

Framed printed "Lutz & Scheffer" (Harrisburg) German language birth/baptismal certificate for Graybill Withers, a son of Curtis and Hannah (Senseman) Withers, born in East Cocalico Twp. May 16, 1853. Fraktur-style text is entered in a practiced hand; no baptismal information has been entered. (Donation—David Sloat)

Family Bible (A.J. Holman & Co., 1903) which belonged to John W. and Mary M. (Wenger) Snader, married by Rev. S.S. Shearer July 6, 1911. John Schnader, a native of Akron, was born April 21, 1891; Mary Wenger, a native of West Earl Twp., was born November 19, 1891. The couple's names are entered into the Bible's marriage register in precise fraktur-style lettering; their birth dates and those of their children Emma Kathryn and Samuel D. are less formally entered. (Donation—Sondra Schlott)

The following manuscript items were donated by June Ibach:

Autograph book which belonged to Harold Kegel Goodman of Ephrata (1922-1992), a son of Walter R. and Katie (Kegel) Goodman. All autographs are dated 1934; signers include Jacob P. Burkholder, Alice (Bucher) Burkholder, "Grand Pa [Henry J.] Kegel," Ira Keath, Abe Summers, Orpah Kinard, M. Kathryn Horning, Kathryn R. Geiger, Frank Leber, Irene R. Weidman, and others. The signature of Jacob P. Burkholder, a well-known sign painter, is accompanied by an ink rendering of a schnauzer or similar dog playing with a ball. Later presented to Gilbert Ibach by Arlene and Harold Minnich and inscribed by them on the flyleaf: "Given to Gil for his kindness to us all / 1975."

Small paper-bound account book belonging to Samuel Fair in an account with H.W. Musser, dealer in dry goods and groceries. Entries date from October 13, 1899 through April 27, 1901. The Musser store was located either in Hinkletown, where Musser was born, or Ephrata, where he later resided. 36 ruled pages, all filled.

Small paper-bound account book belonging to Samuel Fair in account with H.W. Musser, dealer in dry goods and groceries, probably 1901. The book appears to be a continuation of the above; only six pages have entries, which are dated by month and day but not year.

Postcard mailed to Samuel Fair of Hinkletown, with a brief message from the Gormully & Jeffrey Mfg. Co. dated May 25, 1896.

Brief note to Samuel Fair of Hinkletown from the financial secretary of Washington Camp No. 227, P.O.S. of A., January 2, 1896: ". . . you are in advance to the extent of .25."

Printed notice, Washington Camp No. 227, P.O.S. of A., April 28, 1896: "You are indebted . . . for Funeral Dues, on account of the death of Wife of Bro. S.L. Sharp . . ." In an envelope addressed to Samuel Fair.

Lancaster County Agricultural Fair Association treasurer's receipt written to Samuel Fair for five shares of stock in the association, August 2, 1908.

Bond between Samuel M. Fair of Denver (borrower) and P. Barbey & Son of Reading, \$5,725, April 5, 1905.

Bond between Samuel M. Fair (borrower) and John Barbey of Reading, \$5,500, April 5, 1906. On the reverse are recorded annual payments of \$200, 1909 through 1920.

Promissory note, Samuel and Jennie Fair (borrowers) to John L. and Susan G. Jacoby, \$3,000, July 16, 1936; accompanying certificate with payments dating from 1937 through the satisfaction of the debt in 1941 entered.

Stock purchase (etc.) receipts written to Samuel Fair, as follows: Crew Levick, Cities Service Company Common Stock, November 8, 1929; West & Co., Cities Service Company Common Stock, December 16 and December 26, 1930; Henry L. Doherty & Co., dividend account, June 10, 1932.

Humorous printed "Ho for Salt River" card apparently issued during one of William McKinley's presidential campaigns, 1896 or 1900: "The Awe-Stricken Members of the Republican Party of Ephrata Township will meet at the comfortable Headquarters of 'The News' and 'Review' offices respectively, for their departure up SALT RIVER. The trip will be made in the Commodius Protection Clad Schooner QUAY and will be manned by the following able and trusty crew . . ." There follow the names and/or humorous nicknames of approximately three dozen township residents-- Captain Matthew Stanley Fry, First Mate "John Fanatic Mentzer, M.D.," Second Mate "Fat Billy Seltzer," Third Mate "Wash[ington] Sharly [Sharley], Hahnstown's Would-Be Justice of the Peace," Assistant Pilot "Wilmot Noodle-Slinger Romig," Deck Swabbers "Dandy Bully Lefever and Fiery Benny, the Wright," etc. The term "Salt River," signifying the political defeat of candidates and their respective parties, is here seemingly applied with little actual expectation of defeat.

Humorous printed "Ho for Salt River" card apparently issued during one of William McKinley's presidential campaigns, 1896 or 1900: "The Republican Side-Wheel Schooner PICAYUNE BUTLER Will Leave Mulligan's Wharf for the Head-waters of Salt River, in charge of the following Officers." There follow the names and/or humorous nicknames of approximately two dozen township residents-- Captain "George Die-Hard Harris," First Mate "Johnny Carpet-Rag Bechtel," Second Mate "Birch-road Lefever," Pilot "Franklin Sick-list Stouder," Sailing Master "Henry Dead-certain Heiser," Captain of the Forecastle "Ready Cash Meixell," Helmsman "Martin Grave-yard Insurance Romig," etc.

Penciled, undated list of appraisal values on the letterhead stationery of George W. Kinzer, manufacturer of "Shale Face and Common Brick"; listed properties include the brick plant, a lot on Terrace Avenue (Ephrata), a lot on Broad Street, three lots on Highland Avenue, and Kinzer's Broad Street residence.

"Eberly Bros." receipt written to George Kinzer, March 25, 1933; Kinzer purchased 1,000 pounds of coal, presumably to power his brick plant.

"Certificate of Participation," Lincoln National Bank trustees to Ida Mae Kinzer, August 19, 1933: "This is to certify that Kinzer, Ida Mae is the owner and holder of the right to participate in and receive from the undersigned Trustees for certain Depositors and Creditors of the Lincoln National Bank . . . [her] pro rata share of the proceeds of certain assets of the above named Bank, heretofore conveyed to the Trustees by the Bank, for benefit of certain Depositors and Creditors . . . not exceeding the sum of One and 04/00 Dollars. The total of participations in the proceeds of the assets in the hands of the Trustees, is the sum of 110,168.07 dollars, and all distributions . . . shall be divided among the holders of this and all other similar certificates, in the proportion that the face amount of the respective certificates bear to the total amount of all certificates outstanding . . ."

Birth announcement card for Rodger Leeland Weise, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Weise, b. March 4, 1923; in envelope addressed to George and Ida Kinzer.

Funeral invitation card for Mary C. (Fasig) Smith of Lincoln, d. June 29, 1941.

Funeral invitation card for Alice O. Weller of Akron, d. February 17, 1939.

Memorial folder for G. Arthur Reddig, 1904-1978; services were held in Salem Lutheran Church, Reamstown.

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

The following issues of Issues of the Ephrata High School "Mountaineer" (newsletter) were donated by Brenda Wangman:

Vol. 59, No. 5 (April 29, 1985)
Vol. 59, No. 6 (June 3, 1985)
"Summer Special" (September 4, 1985)
Vol. 60, No. 2 (December 16, 1985)
Vol. 60, No. 3 (February 10, 1986)
Vol. 60, No. 4 (March 24, 1986)
Vol. 60, No. 5 (April 28, 1986)
Vol. 60, No. 6 (June 9, 1986)
Vol. 61, "Special" (September 3, 1986)
Vol. 61, No. 1 (October 27, 1986)
Vol. 61, No. 2 (December 15, 1986)
Vol. 61, No. 3 (February 12, 1987)
Vol. 61, No. 4 (March 30, 1987)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Pennsylvania Department of Highways plywood sign for the village of Reinholds, ca. 1940, 24" x 48". The face of the sign is painted navy blue, with gold lettering and a gold border stripe; there are four mounting holes. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Arrow-shaped wooden Legion Star Playhouse (Ephrata) sign, ca. 1940-1950, 7 ½" x 48". The face and edges of the sign are painted cream; navy blue lettering reads "Legion Playhouse," with a gold star between the words representing the word "Star." (Donation—Mike Boyer)

25" x 38 ¼" print of the Galen Hall Hotel, featuring a watercolor depiction by artist Jeff Marks; produced by GNP Associates, 1987. (Donation—Robert Getz)